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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT BENGHAZI 17:00 SEPTEMBER 3

FROM LANE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY [signature] DATE 12 JUL 1982
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ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
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1. SITUATION IN BENGHAZI NOW QUIET AFTER BUSY, NOISY PERIOD FROM 12:00 TO 16:00, WHEN CURFEW WAS LIFTED. MOST PEOPLE OBVIOUSLY THOUGHT CURFEW WOULD BE LIFTED AT 10:00, AS IT WAS YESTERDAY, AND MANY STARTED MOVING AT THAT TIME. THEY WERE QUICKLY AND FIRMLY INFORMED THAT THEY HAD JUMPED THE GUN AND ORDERED TO RETURN HOME. WHEN CURFEW WAS FINALLY LIFTED, BENGHAZI WITNESSED SAME SORT OF STREET DEMONSTRATIONS THAT TOOK PLACE IN TRIPOLI YESTERDAY (TRIPOLI 2132). ALTHOUGH MANY TRUCK-LOADS OF SHOUTING YOUTHS PASSED IN FRONT OF EMBASSY, THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF ANIMOSITY.

2. SEVERAL AMERICANS CALLED AT EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION AND REASSURANCE WHEN CURFEW LIFTED. ALL ARE WELL BUT WORRIED. LOFFLAND MANAGER HAS MOVED ALL OF HIS PERSONNEL WHO WERE LIVING IN DOWNTOWN AREA TO SUBURBAN LOCATIONS.

3. ROBERT ESPEY OF BUNKER HUNT REPORTS TANKERS LOADING NORMALLY IN TOBRUK AND THAT BP HAS COMMUNICATIONS WITH ITS HEADQUARTERS.

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4. RCC REP WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTACT WITH DIPLOMATIC REPS CALLED AT EMBASSY OFFICE AT 11:00 TO DELIVER PASS FOR SEVEN AMERICANS ON EMBASSY STAFF. HE WAS WEARING ARMY UNIFORM WITH RANK INSIGNIA REMOVED.

5. GENERAL FEELING IS ONE OF TENSE QUIET. THE REVOLUTION HAS BEEN MADE BUT NO ONE IS QUITE SURE WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT.
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